IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2 as follows, in the following complete listing of all claims:

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended)   A vessel for containing a heated beverage, said vessel comprising:

    a. a substantially vertical wall having an inner surface in contact with the beverage fluid and an outer surface,

    b. a fluid retaining bottom united with said substantially vertical wall for containing the beverage fluid in the vessel,

    c. a thermochromic display disposed on the outer surface of said substantially vertical wall, said thermochromic display comprising;

        i. a layer of a thermochromic ink,

        ii. at least one temperature indicating mark disposed between the outer wall and the layer of thermochromic ink,

    d. wherein the thermochromic ink characterized by undergoing a transition from opaque to visibly transparent at a predetermined temperature to ~~reveal or~~ cover or reveal said thermal indicating mark.

3. (previously presented)   A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2, wherein said thermochromic ink is printed onto the thermal indicating mark.

4. (previously presented) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2 wherein one or more of said thermal indicating marks are covered by a first and second thermochromic ink composition, said first and second thermochromic ~~and~~ compositions having a different thermal optic transition temperature.

5. (previously presented) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2 wherein the wall of said vessel comprises a ceramic.

6. (previously presented) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2 wherein the thermochromic display is directly printed onto the outer surface of the vessel.

7. (previously presented) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 2 wherein the thermochromic display further comprises a supporting substrate for subsequent attachment to the vessel.

8. (previously presented) A beverage containing vessel according to claim 7 wherein the supporting substrate is attached with an adhesive layer.